(e) what assistance was demanded by the State Government for the purpose ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (e) Government of Madhya Pradesh submitted a memorandum seeking Central assistance amounting to Rs. 67.60 crores for seeking tackling continued drought situation in some parts of the States, including Western region of the State. A Central Team visited to the State of Madhya Pradesh from 16th to 19th April, 1986 to make an on the spot study of the drought situation and assess the requirements of Central assistance. On the basis of the report of the Central Team and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs.1 0.70 crores have been approved for utilisation during the current financial year. In addition, the actual conversion charges of short-term loans into medium term loans will be sanctioned to the Government of Madhya Pradesh on receipt of the actual figures from them. The ceilings of Rs. 10.70 crores includes a sum of Rs. 3.25 crores for drinking water supply.

Construction of houses by DDA

1128. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what was the target of construction of houses by Delhi Development Authority for the years 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) what is the extent to which the said target has been achieved;

(c) what are the main factors responsible for not achieving the target fully;

(d) what target has been fixed for construction of houses during 1986-87; and

(e) what efforts are proposed to be made to achieve the target ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (e) The DDA had completed 8327 houses in 1984-85 and has target of 1 lakh houses each in 1985-86 and 1986-87. 32,460 houses were ready for allotment on 1-3-1986. 83,357 houses are under various stages of construction of which 42354 are expected to be completed during the current financial year. Financial constraints are mainly responsible for not achieving the target. DDA is making all efforts to boost its finances with a view to achieve the target.

Licences for steel plants in Madhya Pradesh

1129. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of licences issued for setting up steel plants in Madhya Pradesh during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86;

(b) what are the names of the steel plants that have so far been installed against these licences;

(c) what is the number of persons likely to get employment in these steel plants;

(d) what is the number of mini-steel plants functioning in Madhya Pradesh as on 1st August, 1986; and

(e) what is their production capacity and what is the actual production and the number of workers employed in each such *mini*-steel plant ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) to (c) No industrial licence for

etting up of a new mini-steel plant in Madhya Pradesh was issued during the years 1984-85 and 1985-86. However, 2 letters of intent granted to Ms. Steel Ingots Limited and Shri Ishar Alloy Steel Limited prior to 1984-85 for substantial expansion of capacity have been converted into industrial licences during 1984-85. The information regarding number of workers likely to get employment in the above two units is not maintained by the Government.

(d) and (e) 11 mini-steel plants with a licensed capacity of 3,61,500 tonnes per annum have been licensed in Madhya Pradesh. Out of these 8 units have reported a production of 2,54,325 tonnes in 1985-86 to the Iron and Steel Controller. 3 units have not submitted their production returns. The information regarding number of workers employed by these units is not maintained by the Government.

Crops covered by the Crop Insurance Scheme

1130. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the names of crops which are covered under Crop Insurance Scheme ;

(b) the names of crops not covered by this scheme and by when all crops are to be brought under the Crop Insurance Scheme ;

(c) what are the names of the States where the Crop Insurance Scheme has been implemented ;

(d) what are the names of the States where the said scheme has not yet been implemented and the reasons advanced by them for not implementing the Scheme so far ; and

(e) what is the reaction of the Central Government in regard thereto and what steps are proposed to be taken to see that the scheme covers all crops and all States and Union Territories implement it ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) : (a) and (b) The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme presently covers major crops, namely wheat, paddy, millets, oilseeds and pulses, Inclusion of other crops under the scheme would be considered after gaining experience in respect oft hese crops. No time from has been fixed in this regard

(c) The scheme has so far been implemented in the States and Union Territories of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orisa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Goa, Daman and Diu and Pondicherry

(d) The States and Union Territories of Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Manipur, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Mizoram and Lakshadeep have not so far adopted the scheme The reasons advanced by these States and Union Territories for not adopting the scheme are : non-availability of yield data for the last five years, low threshold yield fixed for the selected areas, unit of insurance (*i e.* area) being too big and absence of provision for compensation against local calamities such as hail-storm, flash floods, etc.

(e) Action has already been initiated to modify the scheme in the light of the suggestions made by the State Governments The State Governments and Union Territories which have not so far implemented the scheme have been requested to implement the scheme and also to strengthen their